

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

NOTICE REGARDING CONSENT OF THE PARTIES

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, and Local Rule 73.01, this Court has designated the Magistrate Judges of this District to conduct trials and otherwise dispose of any civil case that is filed in this Court. After an order of transfer is entered in a case, the Magistrate Judge may conduct any and all proceedings in the case, including the conduct of a jury or non-jury trial, and may order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73. In the course of conducting such proceedings, a Magistrate Judge may hear and determine any pre-trial and post-trial motions, including case-dispositive motions.

If all parties agree to the assignment of the case to the Magistrate Judge, an appeal, if any, shall be taken directly to the U. S. Court of Appeals as provided in 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(3) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(c). Further review may be taken to the U. S. Supreme Court by writ of certiorari.

If all parties do not consent to a transfer of jurisdiction to a Magistrate Judge, no consent form will be filed with the Clerk and no party will reveal to the Clerk or any judge the position of any party on the issue of consent.

The form, titled “Notice, Consent, And Reference Of a Civil Action To A Magistrate Judge,” is available on the court’s website at <http://www.tnmd.uscourts.gov/forms>.